

As an Electronics Engineer and active Amateur Radio Operator, I am extremely concerned with the commission's recent ruling on BPL. It seems that the Commission is taking a stance regarding interference that is completely opposite to its' long history. In the past, commission licensees were protected from interference from unlicensed users. With BPL, it appears that licensed services will be subjected to well documented interference and will need to make adjustments to minimize such interference. Given the power utility's history of interference to licensed services with 60 Hz systems, one wonders how they will cope with multi-megahertz systems. Also, it is very likely that high frequency transmitters will be blamed for "interference" with the new systems. One can only be reminded of the myriad of problems seen when poorly shielded television/radio/hi-fi consumer systems were affected by properly operating, licensed transmitters.

I urge the Commission to reconsider their decision, and allow some detailed interference studies before allowing this technology to propagate across the country. It might well relegate the HF spectrum to a vast wasteland.